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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 41 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-40-12

There will be a <u>72-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 3 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 6 in the following areas:

- The Outer Karluk and Sturgeon sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Zachar Bay Section which will open at noon Saturday August 4);
- The **Afognak District** (except Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck and Izhut Bay sections will remain closed); and
- The Northeast Kodiak District.

There will be a 57-hour commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday**, **August 4 to 9:00 p.m. Monday**, **August 6** in the following areas:

- In **Deadman Bay**, of the **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District** north of a latitude of Cape Hepburn (56° 57.5 N. lat); the remainder of the Humpy-Deadman Section will remain closed.
- The Zachar Bay Section of the Northwest Kodiak District.

The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area of the Northwest Kodiak District, will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Saturday August 4**.

Cost recovery fisheries are scheduled to begin in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 3, 2012; and the Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District will remain closed to common property fishing. Fishery opportunities in these areas will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will close at 9:00 p.m. Friday August 3:

- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.

The following sections of the **Alitak District** will **close** at the following dates and times:

- The Olga Bay Section at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 4;
- The Moser Bay Section at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 4;
- The Alitak Bay Section at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 4; and
- The Cape Alitak Section at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 5.

Closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.